(b) what are the new items identified to be covered in the trade between India and Pakistan; and

(c) what is the trade target set for 1991-92?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAM DAS PATEL): (a) Discussions at the official level and exchange of trade delegations are measures taken for promoting Indo-Pak trade.

(b) and (c) It is intended to broaden trade exchanges with Pakistan in the entire range of products. No trade targets are fixed for this purpose.

Wage Agreement with Manganese Ore India Limited

1018. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently recommended some increase in the emoluments of workers of Manganese Ore India Limited, Nagpur over and above the benefits accruing from wage agreement reached on 14th February, 1990 between the Management and the Union;

(b) if so, what is the quantum of the said increase;

(c) whether orders have been issued giving effect to the increase; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI ASHOKE KUMAR SEN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Government do not see any reason why the Wage agreement reached between the Management and the Union should be revised.

Implementation of 'Shallow Depth Mining Scheme'

1019. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a memorandum dated 1st January, 1991 has been received from the Bharat Gold Mines Employees' Union (CITU), Karnataka pleading for implementation of 'Shallow Depth Mining Scheme' for more profitable results as proposed by an Expert Commitee; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI ASHOKE KUMAR SEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Memorandum has stated that Shallow Gold Deposits which are available in the Kolar Fields should be taken up for exploitation and this would be more profitable than deep mining and also generate additional employment. This may also avoid transfer of workmen to outside projects causing hardship to them

Government are examining the techno-economic feasibility of working the Shallow Gold Deposits at KGF and a decision will be taken after such examination.

Nominees of Central Government on the Board of Management of Regional Rural Banks

1020. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of nominees of the Central Government on the Boards of Management of various Regional Rural Banks, who are continuing for more than two years;

(b) what are the details thereof, banks-wise; and

(c) by when such nominees are likely to be replaced?